

HENVEY INLET FIRST NATION

### HIFN WINDFARM LEGACY TRUST COMMUNITY MEETING #5

COMMONITE MELTING #3

Monday, 02 November 2020

#### 2:00 pm

#### Attend in-person, by computer or by telephone

#### 1. In person: At the Firehall

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# HIFN WINDFARM LEGACY TRUST

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BACKGROUNDER 20 October 2020

# Windfarm Income Projections

### **Two Windfarm Income Streams**

- **1. PROFITS FROM ENERGY SALES** 
  - Nigig receives ½ of the windfarm's net profit from energy sales, pays it to HIFN
  - \$15M-\$31M per year (depends on wind power production)

#### 2. HIW RENT

- The windfarm project pays rent directly to HIFN
- \$6M-\$8M per year (depends on wind power production)



# How will the funds be used?

### **HIFN's Objectives for Use of the Windfarm Income**

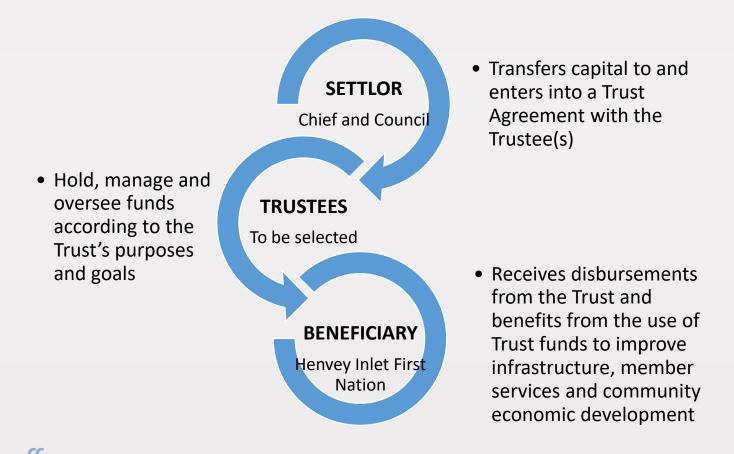
- 1. IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY
  - Monthly member distributions
  - Enhanced community facilities, programs and services
- 2. SAME BENEFITS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
  - After the energy sales contract ends in 2039, continue member and community support indefinitely, if possible



# Why use a Trust?

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• A trust is a legally distinct entity created by a binding agreement between a settlor and the trustee regarding the use of assets



### What assets will be settled on the Trust?

#### • Nigig income stream:

- Income received by HIFN from Nigig Power Corporation will be settled on the Trust
- Land law will ensure the Nigig payments cannot be diverted
- Additional settlements over the life of the Trust:
  - Annual surpluses of windfarm rent may be added to the trust
  - Trust will be able to accept other capital contributions:
    - Future power sales agreements
    - Land claim and other settlements



# What happens to the settled assets?

#### 1. SAVINGS PHASE, 2020-2039

- Income received by the Trust from Nigig will be used to fund:
  - Distributions to members
  - Investment portfolio target approx. \$635M
- Strict limits on withdrawals from the trust

#### 2. FULL SUPPORT PHASE, 2039 $\rightarrow$

- Both income streams from windfarm end, may or may not be replaced by new power sales contract (lower revenue)
- Trust Investment income (and windfarm income, if any) used to fund
  - Distributions to members
  - HIFN facilities, operations, programs and services

# **Distributions to Members**

#### 1. SAVINGS PHASE, 2020-2039

- Quarterly payments to each member from Trust capital:
  - Adults: \$500/mo from age 18 to 60
  - Seniors: \$600/mo commencing at age 60
  - Minors: \$100/mo, payable at age 21 or age 18 with a high school diploma or GED
- May be minor adjustments up or down every 5 years based on
  - Energy sales profits
  - Progress towards 2039 savings target
  - Membership growth



# **Distributions to Members (cont'd)**

#### 2. FULL SUPPORT PHASE, 2039 $\rightarrow$

- Target: same payments to each member as during FIT contract, or better
- May adjust monthly amounts up or down, depending on:
  - energy sales profits/rent under a new power purchase agreement (if any)
  - actual Trust portfolio size and earnings
  - membership growth
  - funds required to support enhanced HIFN programs, facilities and services



# **Clawbacks?**

#### **ODSP and Ontario Works**

• Both programs permit members to receive up to \$10K/year with no claw-back under current policies

#### **Income Tax**

Distributions should be tax-exempt for all members on and off reserve

#### **Employment Insurance**

• Distributions should not affect EI payments



### **Checks and Balances on Withdrawals**

### Windfarm Trust Advisory Committee

- If Council wants to submit a Withdrawal Proposal or replace Trustees, it will appoint a special advisory committee from members who reside on and off reserve
- Withdrawal proposal submitted by Council to the Trustees must have:
  - Windfarm Trust Advisory Committee's endorsement, or
  - Community Consultation (minor capital encroachment <5%)

### Major capital withdrawal proposals

- Special rule applies if withdrawal proposal >5% of Trust's capital:
  - Unanimous Band Council Resolution
  - Community approval vote (double majority rule)

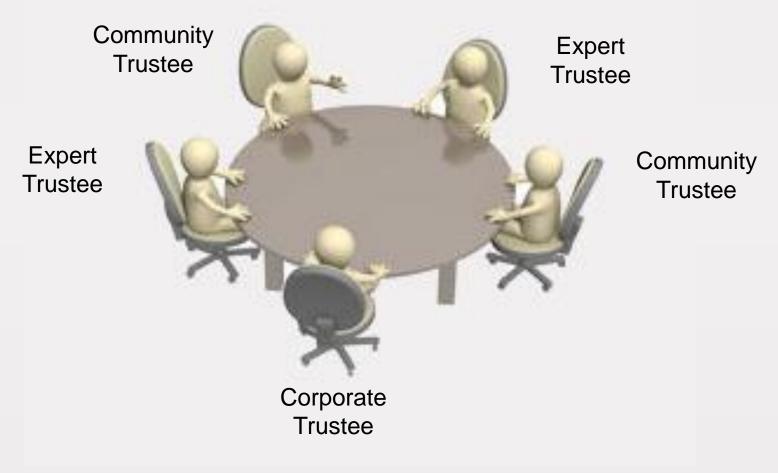
### **Board of Trustees**

**Five Member Board** 

- 2 COMMUNITY TRUSTEES
- 2 TRUSTEES WITH LEGAL/FINANCIAL EXPERTISE
- 1 CORPORATE TRUSTEE
- Limit one trustee from any one immediate family
- 3 year overlapping terms, maximum 2 consecutive terms (except for corporate trustee)
- Selected by Council from slate of candidates prepared by the Trust Advisory Committee and the Trustees jointly



### **Board of Trustees**



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# **Board of Trustees, cont'd**

### **Community Trustees**

- Qualifications
  - » High school diploma or better
  - » Financial experience
  - » Not an undischarged bankrupt
  - » Criminal records check
  - Completion of NATOA trust officer training or equivalent within six months of appointment
  - » Members of Council, the Windfarm Trust Advisory Committee and employees of HIFN and the Trust disqualified



# **Board of Trustees, cont'd**

### Legal/Financial Experts and Corporate Trustee

- Qualifications
  - » MBA, law degree or equivalent
  - » Certification as trust expert by accredited institution
  - » Extensive trust management experience
  - » Criminal records check
  - Members of Council, the Windfarm Trust Advisory Committee and employees of HIFN and the Trust disqualified



### **Next Steps**

#### Selection of corporate, community and expert trustees

» To be in place immediately after Community Approval Vote

**Community Approval Vote – Sunday, 13 December 2020** 

Enactment of Land Law and Establishment of the Trust – Tuesday, 15 December 2020

- If Trust approved, open session of Council to enact the Henvey Inlet
   First Nation Legacy Trust Land Law
- » Signing of Trust Settlement Deed with Trustees
- » Settlement of Nigig income stream funds on the Trust

